



Projects across the borough supported by community grants



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Foodbanks, football clubs and festive lights were among the good causes to benefit from a funding boost for their work helping Hertsmere communities affected by the pandemic.

Hertsmere Borough Councillors allocated just over £37,000 worth of community grants to groups and organisations that are actively supporting our communities during the Covid-19 crisis.

Among the top recipients were the Red Trust Bushey, Herts Independent Living Service, Christmas in Potters Bar and Potters Bar Crusaders Girls.

Red Trust Bushey were awarded £5,970 in funds to re-open their Community Café and to start a befriending scheme and gardening programme designed to support local residents who have been impacted by the pandemic.

Herts Independent Living Service will use £2,997 to provide a welfare fund to enable older and vulnerable residents to access their meal delivery services, providing a nutritious meal and much needed regular social contact.

Christmas in Potters Bar received £3,000 towards the hire of festive lights which will illuminate the town from Diwali in November through to January 2022. In addition, the newly established Potters Bar Crusaders Girls will use their £2,000 to further develop girls' football in the area and to hold a mental health training day for players at the Lee Valley Athletics Centre.

Councillor Meenal Sachdev, Portfolio Holder for Community, Leisure, Culture and Health, said: "I'm so pleased that we've been able to support a range of community groups and charities across our borough through this latest round of our grants programme.

"In total, we've now given away nearly £40,000 to worthy causes through the two strands of the programme.

"The first strand focussed on supporting community organisations who were helping residents with issues that have been made worse by the pandemic, such as mental health, social isolation, physical activity, substance abuse and homelessness. The second strand was aimed to support organisations to reopen safely or to make changes to how they deliver their services due to the pandemic.

"All of these awards aim to help local organisations to deliver much needed projects and services to our residents as we emerge from the pandemic. Whether through sport, gardening, community activities or services, local residents have relied on these organisations to support them through the last year and we recognise the valuable contribution that the voluntary and community sector makes to life in our borough."

Other projects to secure financial aid were Borehamwood Foodbank (£5,820) to support the work of the foodbank and the purchase of much needed IT equipment to improve their behind the scenes administration, Belstone FC, (£1,785) a Radlett based football club who were awarded funding for additional goals across their youth age groups; Watford Mencap (£3,000) towards the delivery of their Advice and Information service for local people with learning difficulties, their families and carers, and Radlett Museum (£1,773) for equipment to facilitate the reopening of the museum.

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